GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1842
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VIOLATION OF CRZ GUDELINES IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of previous observations and decisions of the Government regarding violation of CRZ guidelines by Eversmile builder at Mahul, Mumbai;

(b) whether the Government has received any report based on January, 2003 from Chief Naval Hydrographer regarding violation of CRZ guidelines in the above said area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan formulated by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Based on the representations received from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai and Fisherman Association, Mahul creek, the Government had appointed an Expert Committee to look into the alleged violation of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 by M/s Eversmile Construction Company Private Limited along the Mahul creek, Mumbai. Based on the recommendations made by the above Expert Committee, Government had issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to M/s Eversmile Construction Company Private Limited, Mahul on 16th April, 2002 directing the company to comply with the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.

(b) & (c): The Maharashtra State Coastal Zone Management Authority has submitted a report alongwith the High Tide Line demarcated by the Naval Chief Hydrographer, as on January, 2003.

(d): The National Coastal Zone Management Authority has already held a meeting on 5.12.2003 and decided to seek additional clarifications from the Maharashtra State Coastal Zone Management Authority in the above matter.